

**Subject** Concurrent Enrollment Teacher Training Programs

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## Overview

Minnesota's PSEO dual enrollment programs include concurrent enrollment courses. A concurrent enrollment course is usually taught by a high school teacher at the high school under the supervision and direction of a higher education partner institution. The higher education institutions are subject to accreditation, and the accrediting partner for many of Minnesota's higher education institutions is the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). This regional accrediting authority sets educational standards for instructors, including that PSEO concurrent enrollment teachers have either a master's degree in their content area or at least 18 graduate-level credits in the teacher's content area. A number of Minnesota's high school teachers who teach concurrent enrollment courses do not have these credentials.

The 2016 legislature appropriated \$3 million on a one-time basis available until June 30, 2019, to the Northwest Regional Partnership to provide opportunities for concurrent enrollment teachers to earn additional graduate-level credentials in their subject area. The 2017 legislature appropriated \$375,000 per year on an ongoing basis to the statewide concurrent enrollment teacher training program. Both appropriations are expected to have significant cancelations of unused funds as of June 30, 2019.

H.F. 1907 cancels the expected unused balances for these two programs and re-appropriates the same amount that was canceled to the programs for the next biennium.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Northwest Regional Partnership concurrent enrollment program.</b> Cancels \$1,000,000 of the 2017 appropriations for the Northwest Regional Partnership concurrent enrollment program.
2	<b>Statewide concurrent enrollment teacher training program.</b> Cancels \$400,000 of the 2018/2019 appropriation for the statewide concurrent enrollment teacher training program to the state general fund.

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3	<p><b>Appropriations.</b></p> <p>Appropriates \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2020 for the statewide concurrent enrollment teacher training program (this is the sum of the amount that is canceled back to the general fund in sections 1 and 2). This appropriation is in addition to the \$375,000 per year base appropriation for this program.</p>



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